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Addressed as:
Mr. Minister



A Cabinet officer since 1948, Sven Andersson became Foreign Minister in November 1973, after serving for 16 years as Minister of Defense. He has been a Member of Parliament since 1948 and has also been Minister Without Portfolio (1948-51) and Minister of Communications (1951-57).

Andersson, who will be 66 on 5 April 1976, had hoped to retire after the September 1973 elections, but Prime Minister Olof Palme asked the influential "old guard" Social Democrat to stay on, [REDACTED]

In a speech in November 1975, Andersson defended what he called Sweden's "active foreign policy"-- a policy that includes small states' rights, reduction of armaments, a more equitable world economic order, aid cooperation with poor countries, and aid to liberation movements. He claimed that this policy did not conflict with Sweden's traditional neutrality.

[REDACTED] He speaks English well and knows some German and French. For relaxation he enjoys sailing. In 1972, Andersson, then a widower with three grown children, married Ulla Brambeck-Holmquist, social secretary to the British Ambassador in Stockholm.

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